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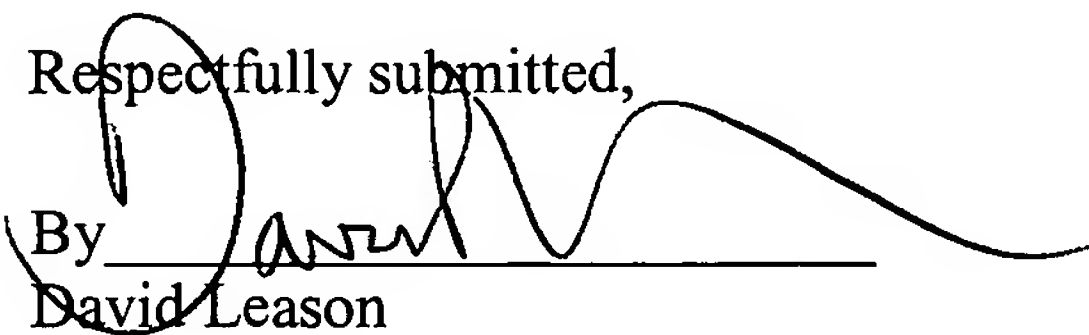
This Amendment responds to the Official Action mailed on September 7, 2004. Claims 1, 2 and 4-11 are now pending. Claims 1, 6 and 7 have been amended, claim 3 has been cancelled and new claims 8-11 have been added.


The amendment to claim 6 corrects certain informalities noted by the Examiner which do not narrow the scope of the claim and which render moot the rejection under §112, paragraph 2. If the Examiner disagrees, he is invited to indicate that in a responsive action.

Claim 3 was indicated as reciting allowable subject matter. The recitations of claim 3 have been included in independent claims 1 and 7, and original claim 3 has been cancelled. These amendments are believed to place all claims in condition for allowance.

Applicants note that new claims 8-11 are modeled after original claims 2 and 4-6 and are submitted to more completely claim the subject matter of the present application. These new claims do not present any further issues for consideration, and in view of their dependency from amended claim 7, are submitted to be in condition for allowance.

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